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SUBJ: GENERAL ASSEMBLY: CYPRUS ITEM RECONSIDERATION

REF: A) USUN 3249 B) USUN 3257 C) USUN 4075

1. AMB. TURKMEN CONFIRMED TO US THAT HE WILL REQUEST RE-
CONSIDERATION OF THE ALLOCATION OF THE CYPRUS ITEM UNDER
RULE 81 OF THE GA RULES OF PROCEDURE. REQUEST FOR RECON-
SIDERATION WOULD OCCUR ON NOVEMBER 7 WHEN CYPRUS ITEM IS TAKEN
UP BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

2. THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT WHEN THE GENERAL COMMITTEE
MET IN SEPTEMBER TO CONSIDER THE INSCRIPTION AND ALLOCATION
OF ITEMS, THE US ABSTAINED ON THE MOTION THAT THE CYPRUS ITEM BE
ALLOCATED TO THE PLENARY WITH A SPECIAL PROVISION THAT A
PRIOR HEARING IN THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE TAKE PLACE
TO ALLOW REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH COMMUNITIES TO SPEAK
(REFTEL B). AMB. TURKMEN AT THAT TIME OBJECTED ON
THE GROUNDS THAT THE TWO COMMUNITIES WERE EQUAL, THE
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SPC MEETINGS PROVIDED ONLY A PERFUNCTORY OPPORTUNITY
FOR HEARING THE COMMUNITIES, AND THAT PROCEDURE
GAVE THE GREEK COMMUNITY A DOUBLE OPPORTUNITY TO BE
HEARD.

3. THE DEPARTMENT WILL FURTHER RECALL THAT LAST YEAR
AMB. TURKMEN ALSO REQUESTED RECONSIDERATION OF CYPRUS

ITEM ALLOCATION TO THE PLENARY. AT THAT TIME THE US VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE TURKISH MOTION: (23 IN FAVOR INCLUDING JAPAN AND ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE; 70 OPPOSED; AND 23 ABSTAINED, INCLUDING MOST WESTERN EUROPEANS.) THE MOTION WAS DEFEATED; A MAJORITY OF TWO-THIRDS WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR RECONSIDERATION.

4. RECOMMENDATION: WHEN CYPRUS ITEM COMES BEFORE PLENARY NEXT WEEK, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT WE ABSTAIN. ABSTENTION HAS OBVIOUS ADVANTAGES OF HOLDING TO THE MIDDLE GROUND BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES AND MORE IMPORTANTLY OF NOT DEROGATING FROM OUR TRADITIONAL OPPOSITION TO PERMITTING NON-MEMBER STATES TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. MOREOVER, PLENARY HAS ALREADY DECIDED TO FOLLOW GENERAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION THAT LAST YEAR'S PROCEDURE, AS SET FORTH BY SECRETARYAT, BE FOLLOWED AND NO RATIONAL PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED BY THIS REHASH OF EXISTING DECISIONS. MOST OF EC-9 EXPECT TO ABSTAIN ON THIS MOTION AS THEY DID LAST YEAR. FOR ACCOUNT OF LAST YEAR'S VOTING AND REACTION, PLEASE SEE USUN 5110, NOVEMBER 8, 1976, AND USUN 5117, NOVEMBER 9, 1976, WOULD APPRECIATE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS.

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